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FEMA Region 6 Weather Threat Briefing

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Summary of the Upcoming Week



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Today

- **Marginal Risk for severe thunderstorms and heavy rain/flash flooding for Central into East/Southeast TX and much of Louisiana.**
 - **Gusty winds and marginally severe hail are the greatest threats. Very low tornado threat.**

Thursday - Friday

- **Marginal Risk for heavy rain/flash flooding for South/Central/East/SE TX Thursday and for S/SE TX Friday.**
- **Mix of freezing fog/drizzle and light snow will create difficult travel across E NM Thursday night into Friday morning.**

Saturday - Sunday

- **No significant weather impacts expected.**

River Flood Status

- **Points along the Nueces River in STX will continue in Moderate/Major Flood this week.**
- **The Trinity River at Liberty in SE TX will continue in Major Flood this week.**
- **The Cache River at Patterson in NE AR will remain in Moderate Flood through this week.**

Tropical Outlook

- **Tropical cyclone formation is not expected during the next 5 days.**

FEMA Region 6 Threat Matrix

Nov 7, 2018 – Nov 11, 2018



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DAY / THREAT	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Severe Storms	Central/East/SE TX into much of LA				
Heavy Rain / Flash Flooding	SE TX into much of LA	South/Central/E/SE TX	South/SE TX		
Winter Weather		E NM (Late)			
Tropical Weather					
River Flooding	SE TX, STX	SE TX, STX	SE TX, STX	SE TX, STX	SE TX, STX
	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR	NE AR

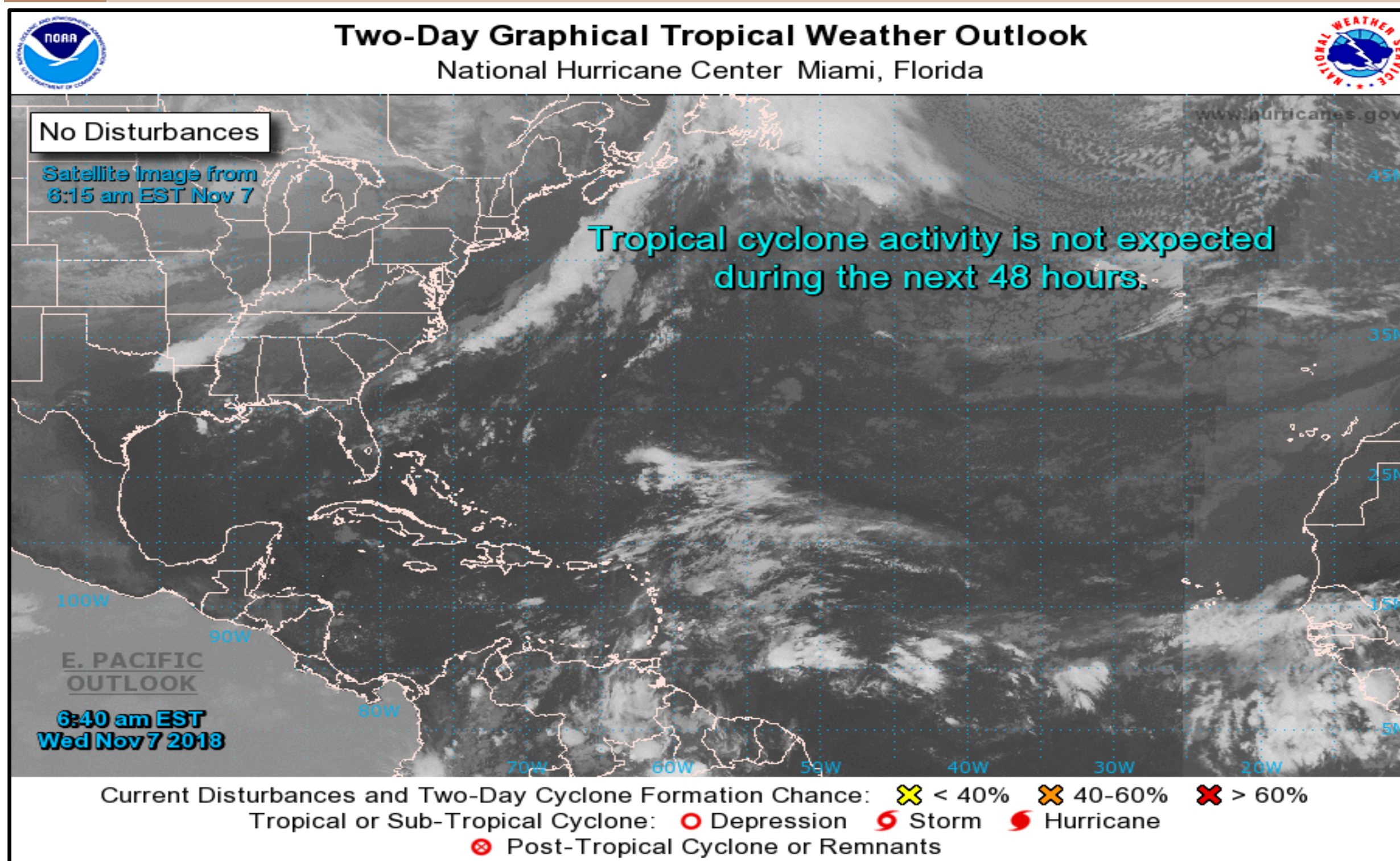
	No Weather Threats Expected
	Very Common – Happens Often
	Common – Happens Frequently
	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year
	Rare – Once Every 1-5 Years
	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years

**Threat levels are based on FEMA Region 6 criteria.
State or local threat level criteria may differ.*
For more details on the colors in the threat matrix refer to the last slide in this briefing.*

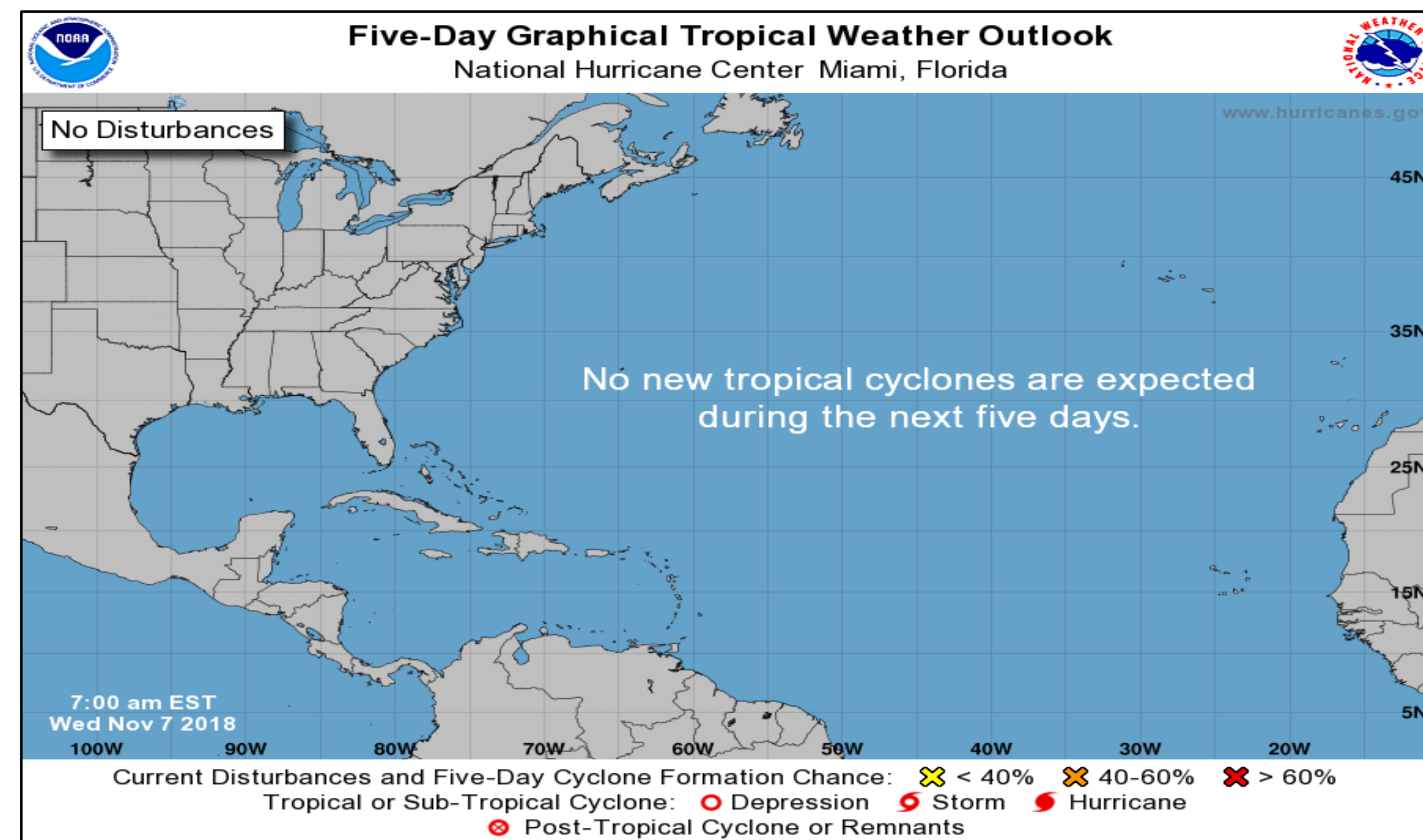
Tropical Weather Outlook – Atlantic/Gulf



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Tropical cyclone activity is not expected during the next 5 days.

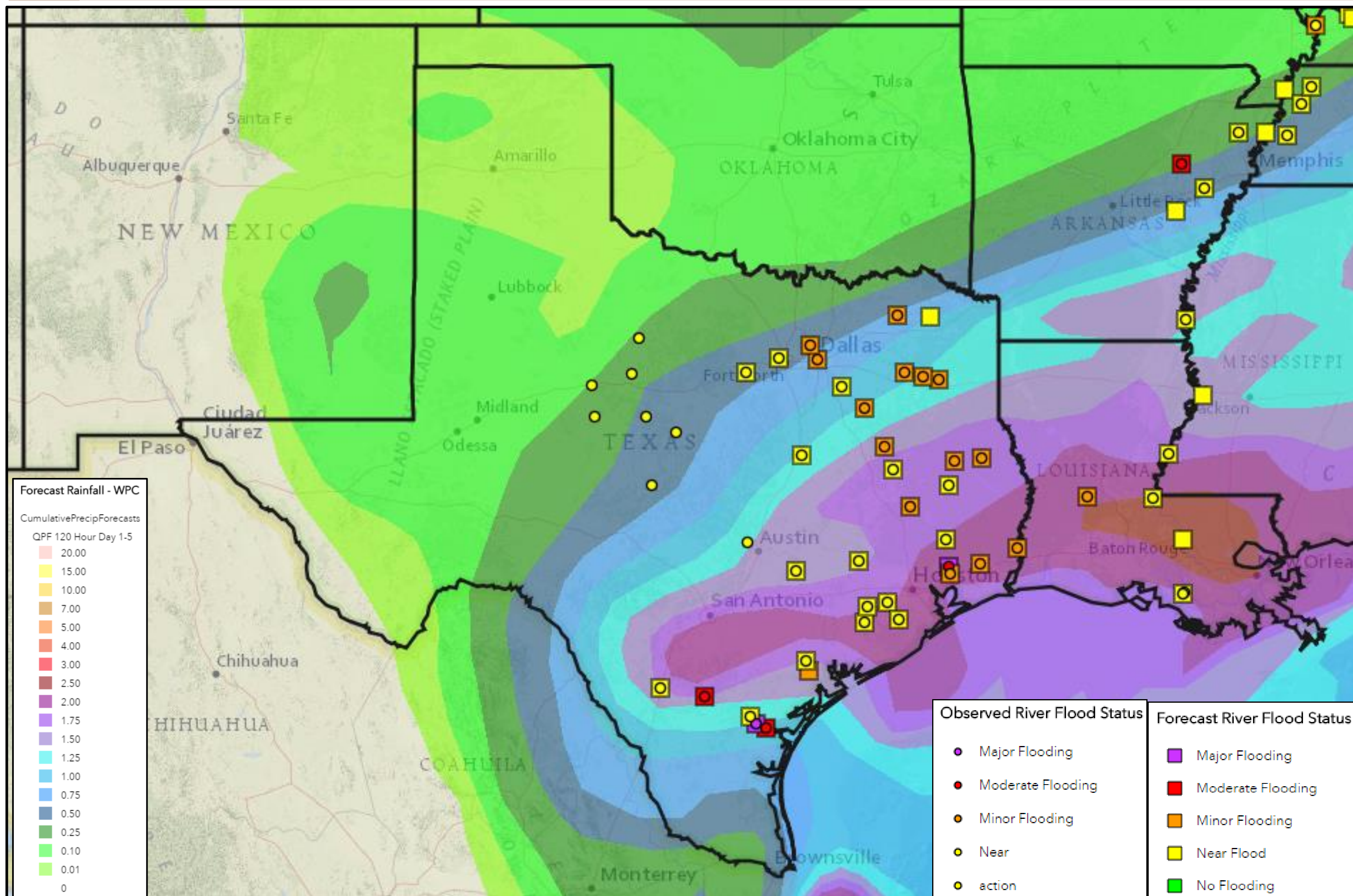


5-Day Precipitation Forecast & River Flood Status



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Note: Even though the image displays 5 days of forecasted rainfall, river forecasts only include 1-2 days of rainfall



Moderate to Major Flooding will continue on the Nueces River in South TX for at least the next week as water slowly moves downstream.

The Trinity River at Liberty in SE TX will remain in Major Flood stage through this week. Residents in 5 or 6 subdivisions may be cut off if not evacuated.

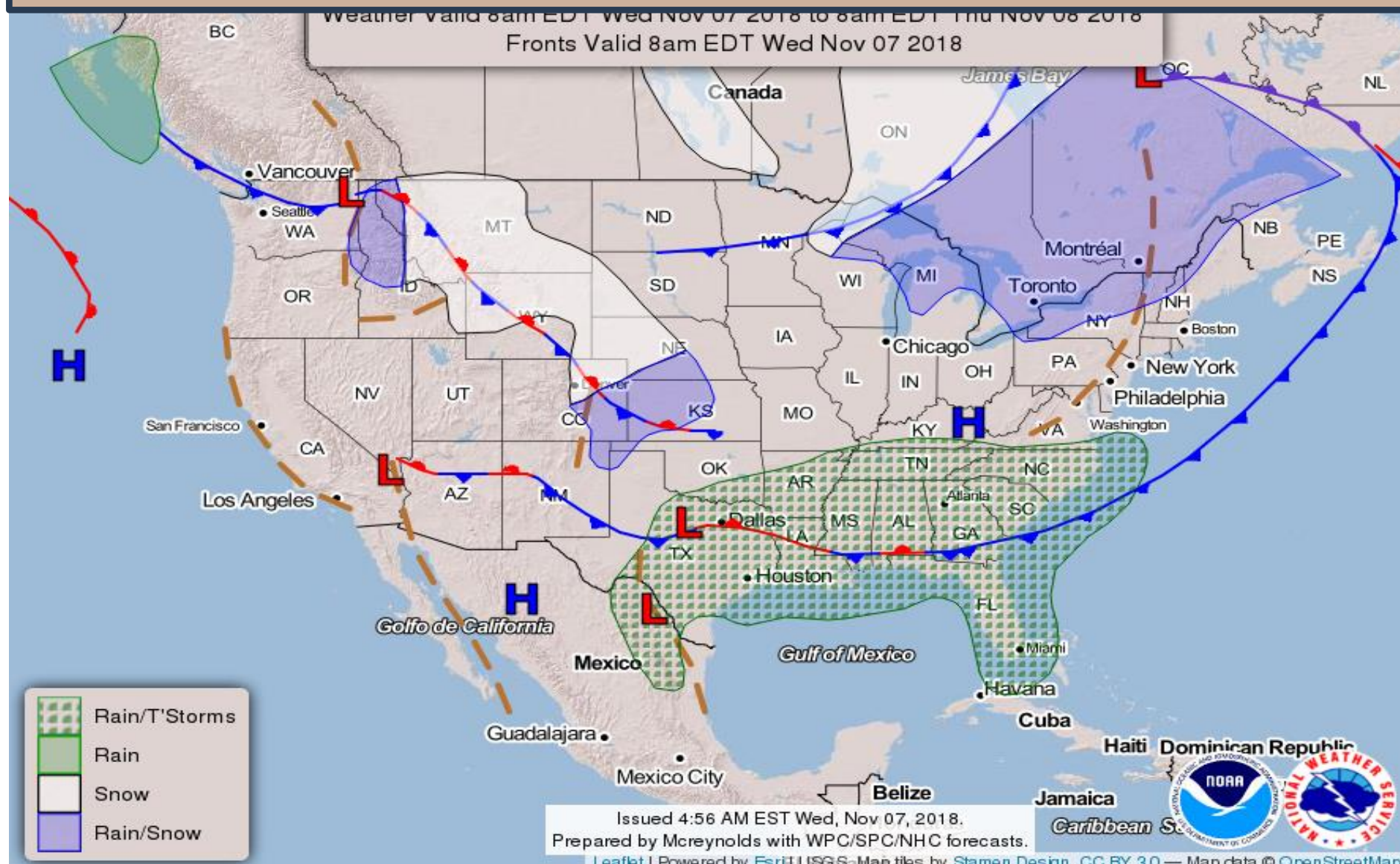
The Cache River at Patterson in NE AR will remain in Moderate Flood through this week. Impacts primarily to secondary roads and agriculture.

Today's Weather

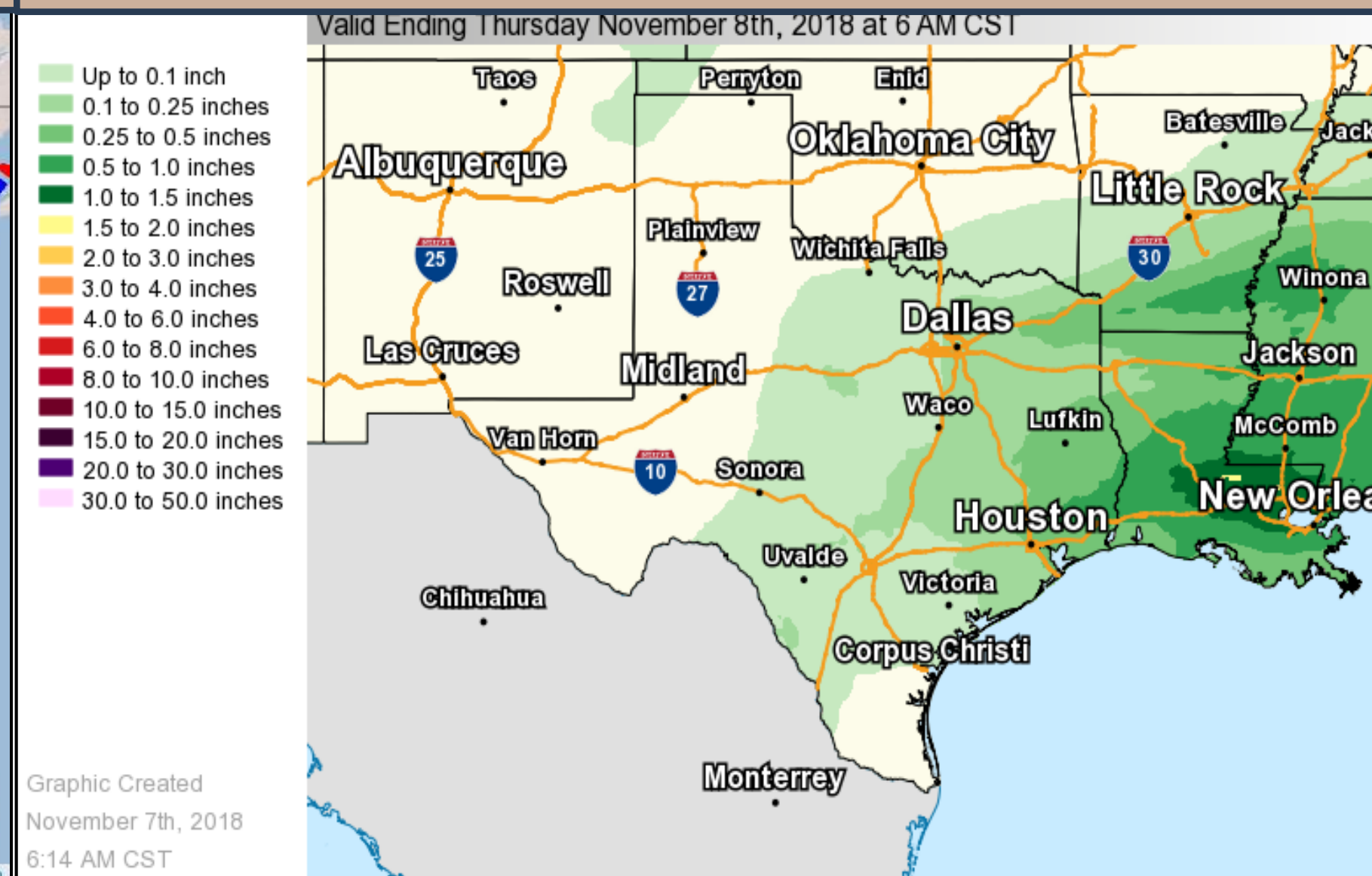


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Forecast Chart



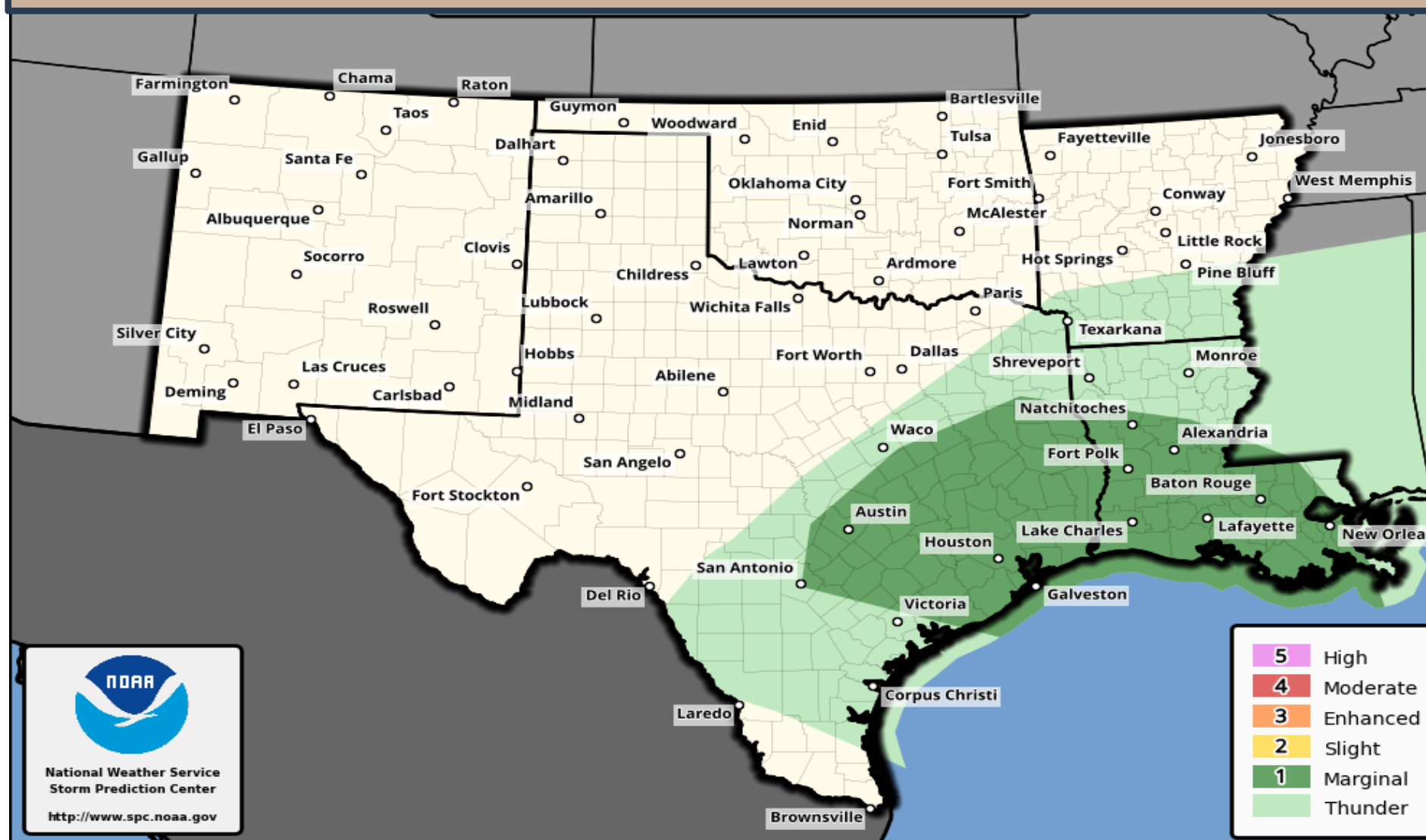
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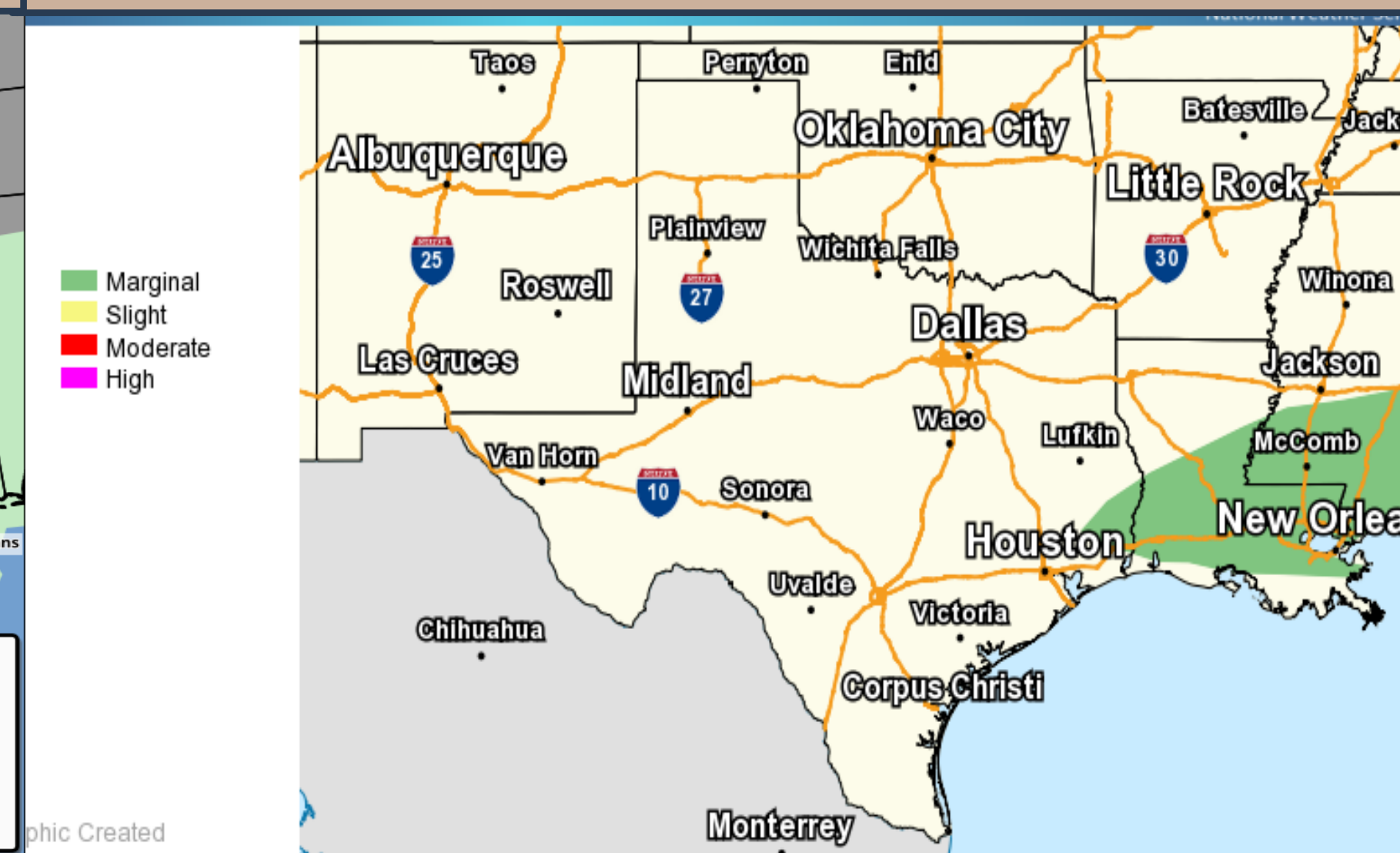
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Severe Weather Outlook



Excessive Rainfall Outlook



Tomorrow's Weather



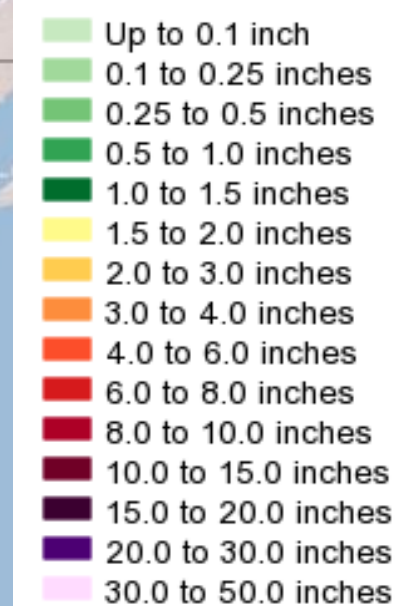
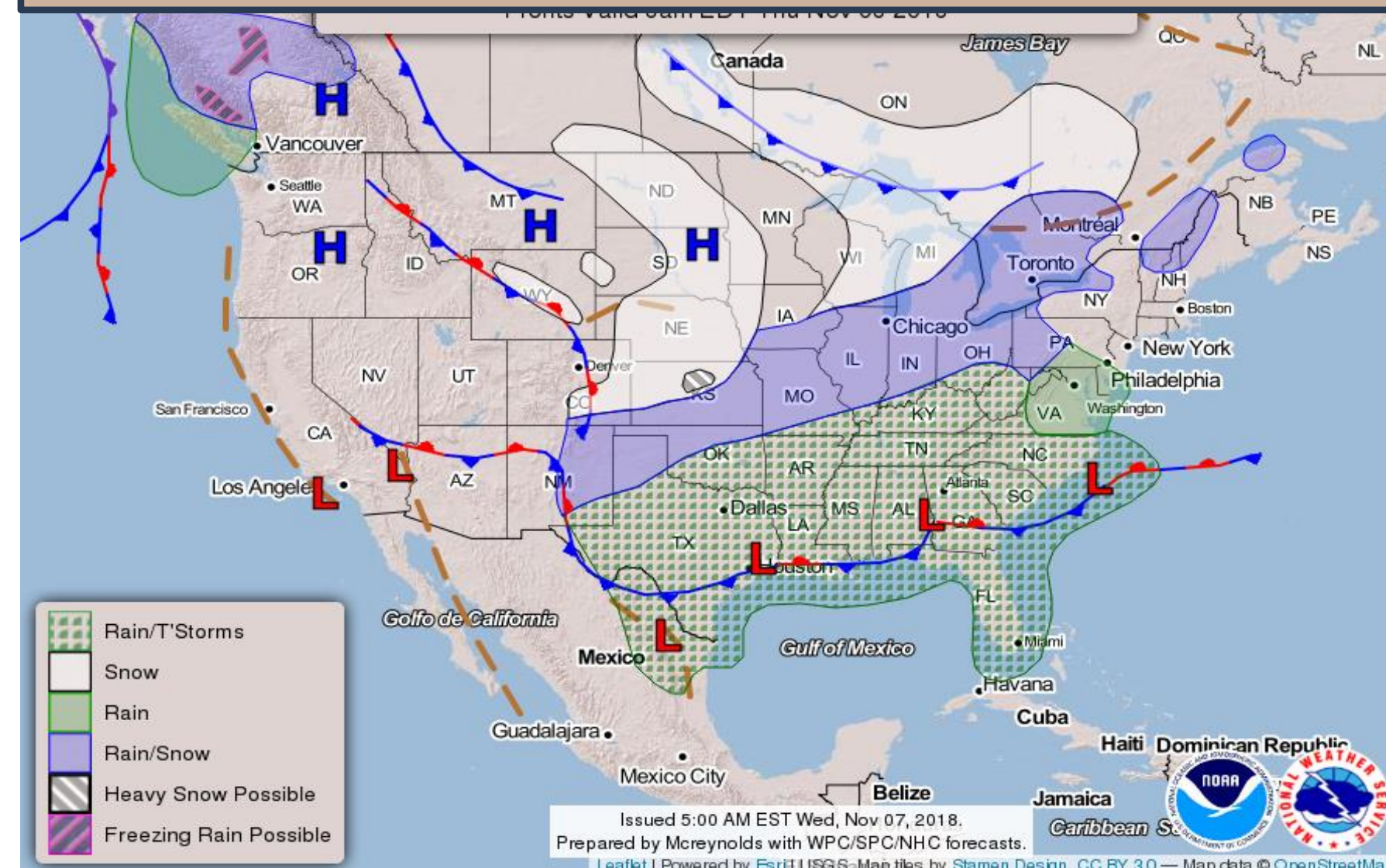
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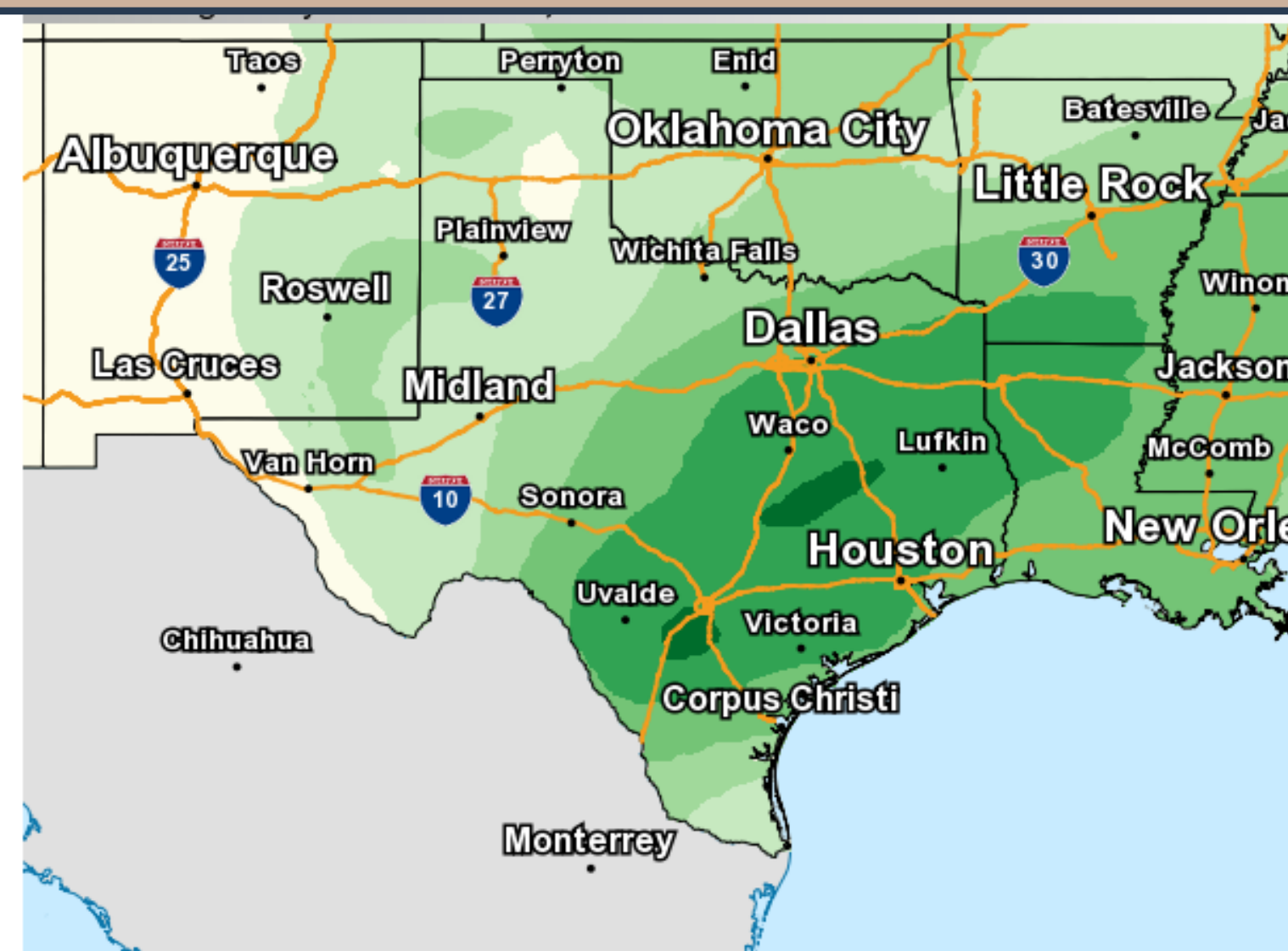
Forecast Rainfall

Marginal risk area for isolated heavy rain/flash flooding across South/Central/East/SE TX.

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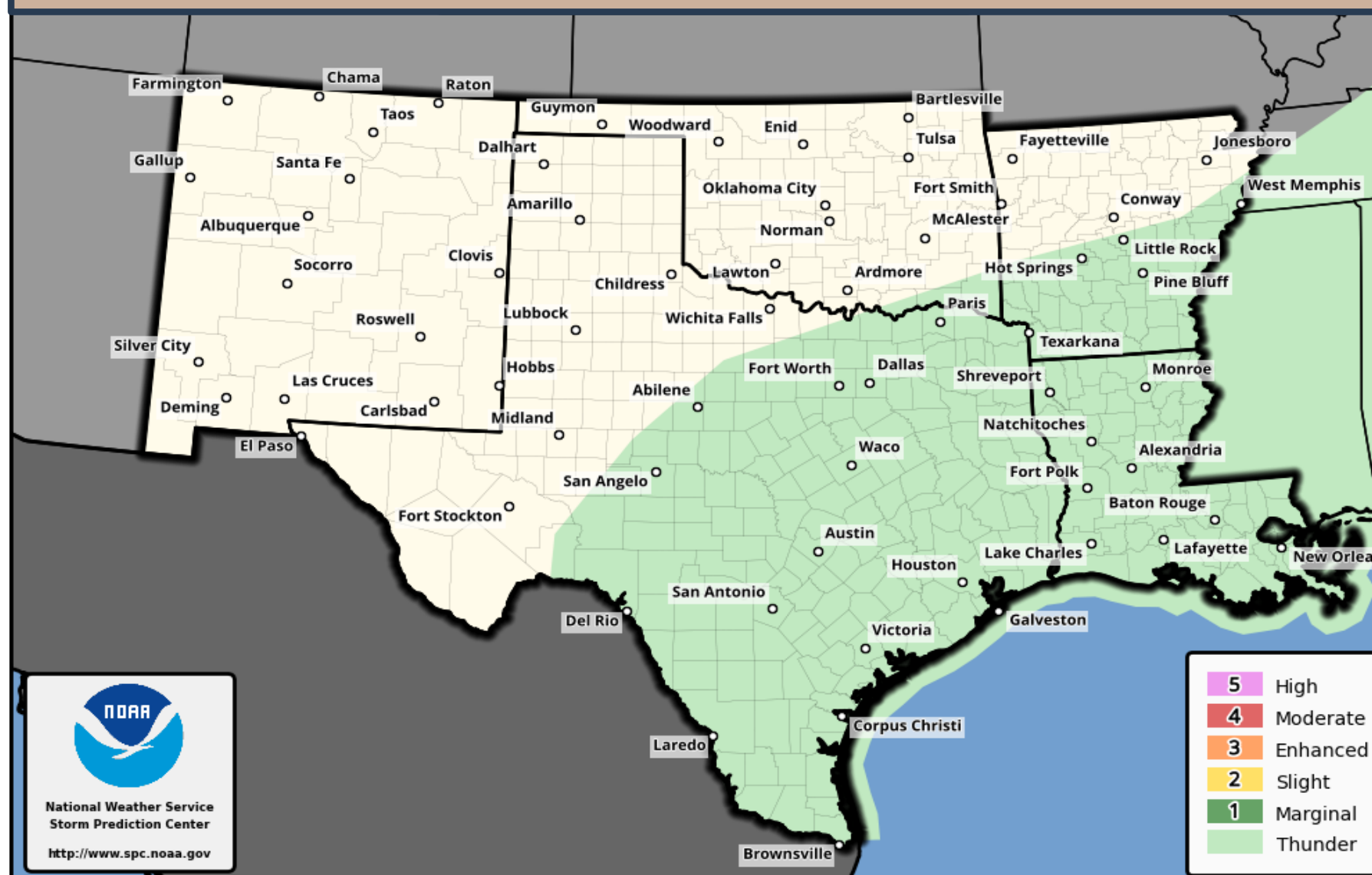


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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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Friday's Weather

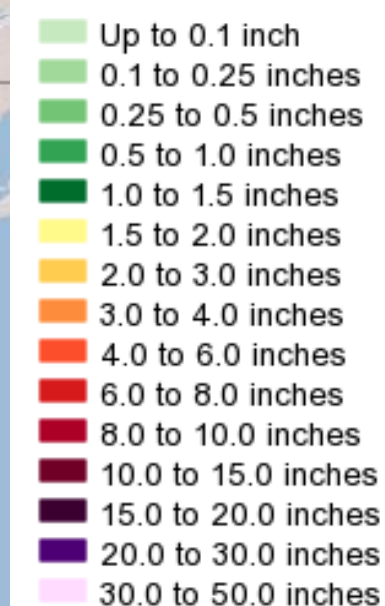
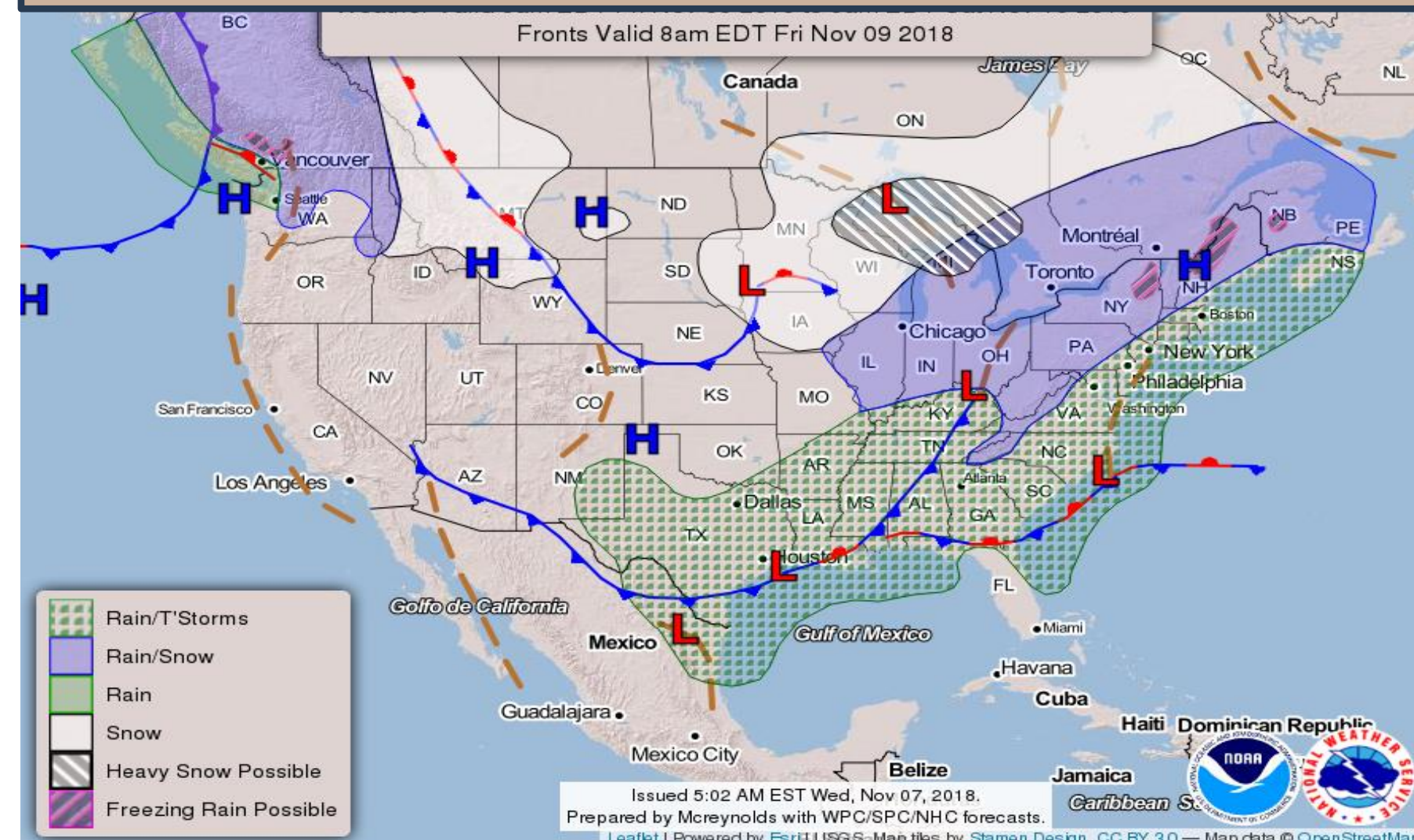
Forecast Chart

Forecast Rainfall



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**Marginal risk area for
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flooding across South/SE TX.**

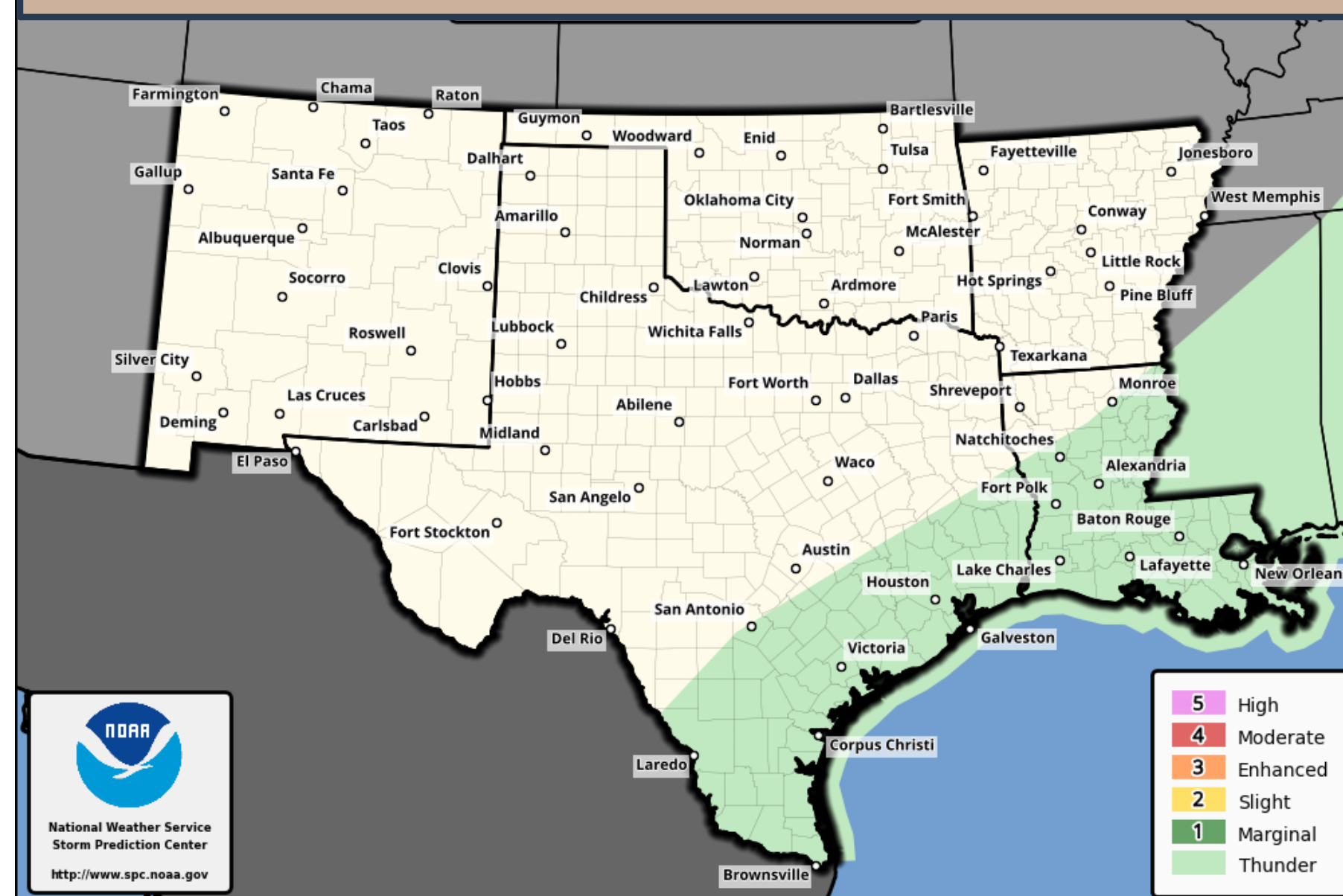


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Severe Weather Outlook

Excessive Rainfall Outlook



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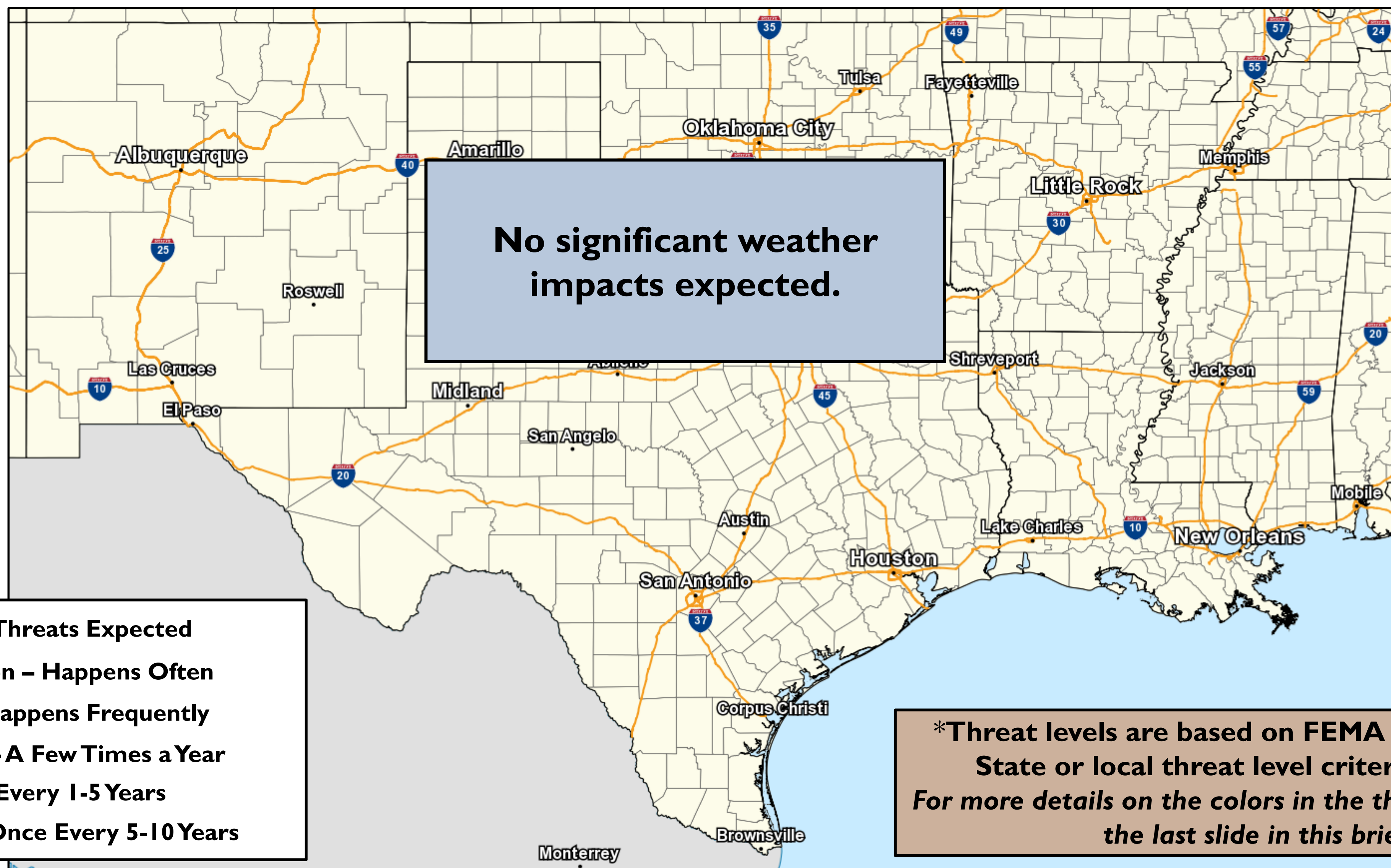


Days 4-5 Weather Hazards

Saturday - Sunday



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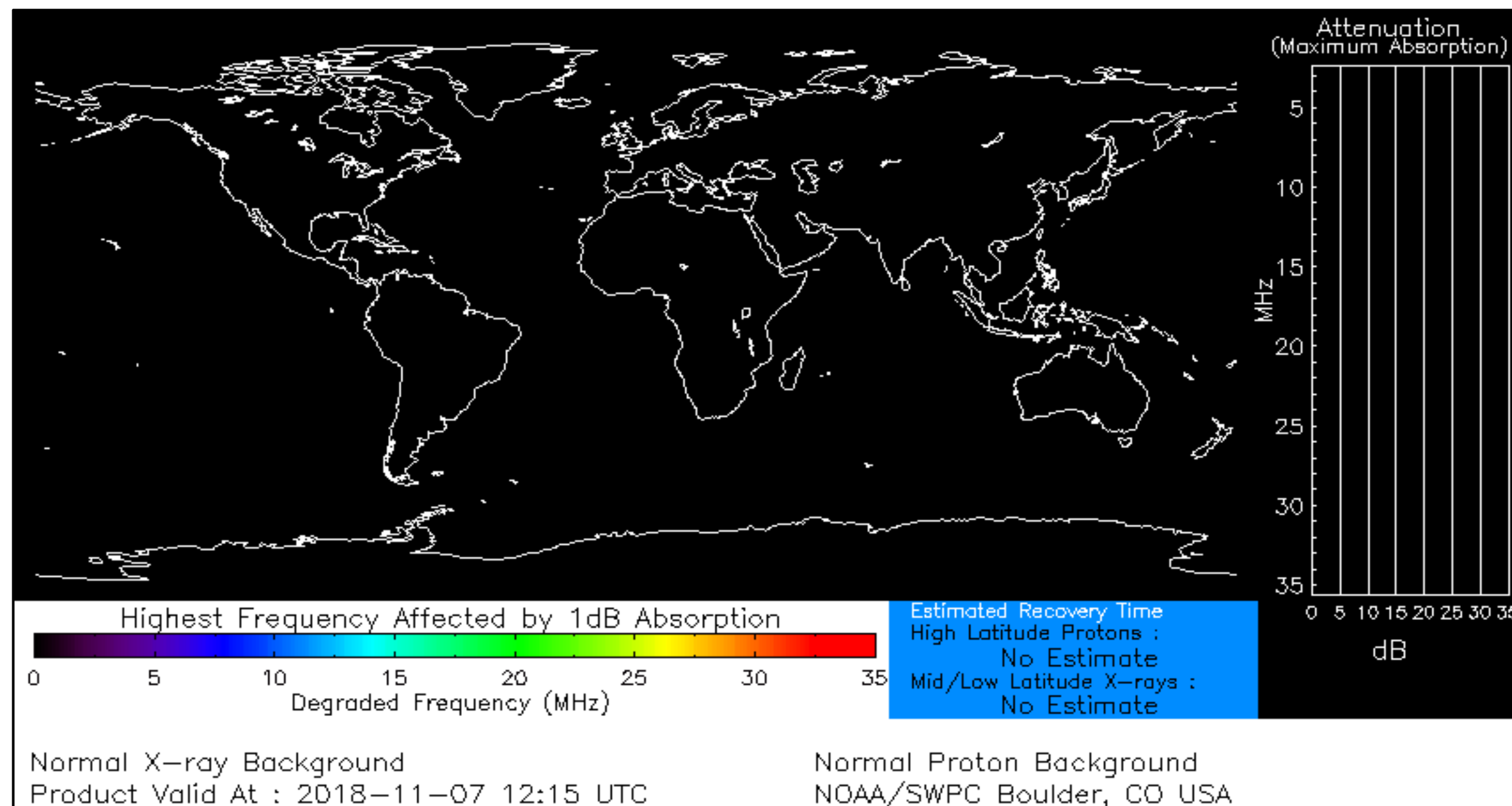


Space Weather 3-Day Forecast



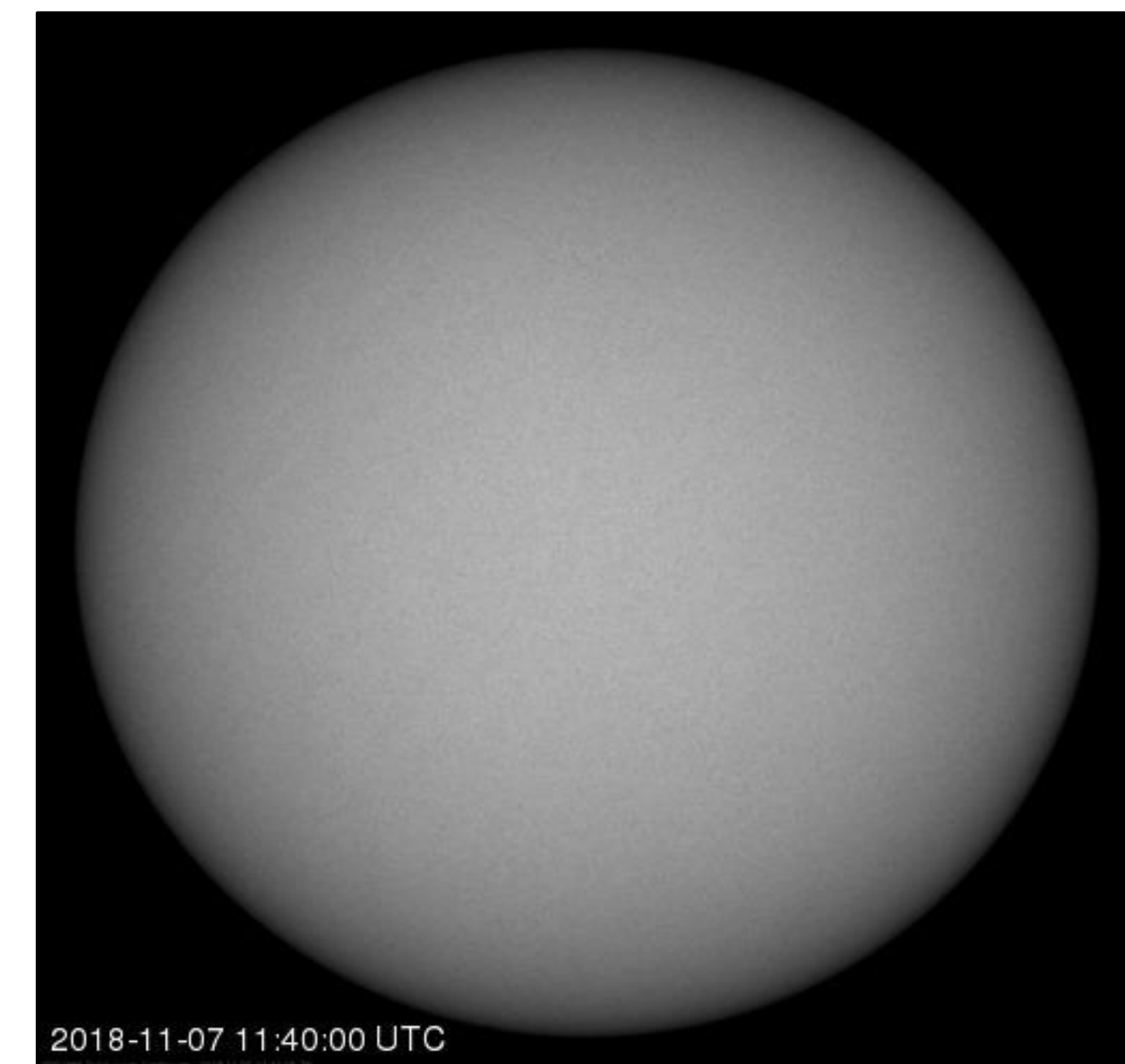
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	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Geomagnetic Storms	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Quiet (Max Kp = 2)	Minor (G1) Storm (Max Kp = 5)
Solar Radiation Storm (S1-S5)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R1-R2)	1%	1%	1%
Radio Blackout (R3-R5)	1%	1%	1%



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Description of the Space
Weather Storm Scales](#)

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3-Day Space Weather
Forecast Text](#)





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Weather “Threat” Matrix			
Color	Definition	Criteria	Example(s)
Green	Very Common Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Little Inconvenience to Daily Routines	Severe: Marginal Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over localized areas Tropical: None Fire Weather: No Watches/Warnings, fuel moisture above 10% or green up active	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thunderstorms expected over LA this afternoon; a few may produce winds to knock down a few trees Something that happens almost every day in a particular season such as <u>seabreeze</u> storms in coastal TX
Yellow	Somewhat Common – Happens Frequently Safety: Rarely a Direct Threat to Life and Property Impact Potential: Typically Results in Some Inconvenience to Daily Life	Severe: Slight Risk from SPC Flooding: Nuisance flooded expected for a widespread area, or Minor flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A weak tropical wave expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire Weather: Red Flag Watches/Warnings and/or SPC outlines enhanced or critical fire outlook	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-3 inches of rainfall expected over central AR today and tonight; some minor (brief) street flooding possible Scattered severe storms possible, one or two tornadoes expected, along with reports of strong winds/wind damage and ~1” hail
Orange	Uncommon – A Few Times a Year Safety: Often Threatening to Life and Property, Some Damage Unavoidable Impact Potential: Typically Results in Minor Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Enhanced Risk from SPC Flooding: Minor flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations), or Moderate flooding expected over isolated areas Tropical: A Tropical Storm expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Critical fire outlook for more than 2 consecutive days, Warnings for 2 or more consecutive days, D3-D4 drought conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A snow/sleet mix is expected to move through or near the DFW area tomorrow morning; travel impacts likely Numerous severe storms possible, a few tornadoes possible along with several reports of wind damage along with damaging hail Some large fires reported, burn bans advertised, critical conditions expected
Red	Rare – Once every 1-5 Years Safety: Extensive Property Damage Likely, Life Saving Actions Also will be Needed Impact Potential: Will likely result in Large Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: Moderate Risk from SPC Flooding: Moderate flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Hurricane expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large areas of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 1 hurricane will be moving towards the NW Gulf in the next few days Widespread severe storms likely, strong tornadoes, widespread wind damage, and destructive hail Large fires ongoing throughout the area with critical fire weather conditions expected to continue
Purple	Very Rare – Once Every 5-10 Years Safety: Property Damage Unavoidable, Immediate Action to Save Life will be Needed Impact Potential: Typically Results in Long-Lived Widespread Major Disruption to Daily Life	Severe: High Risk from SPC Flooding: Major flooding expected over a widespread area (including urban locations) Tropical: A Major Hurricane (Cat3 or greater) expected to move towards or near any coastline Fire: Large area of critical conditions for 2 or more days, Warnings for 3 or more days, Long term (months) of severe to extreme drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Category 4 hurricane is headed towards the SE LA; major storm surge, flooding and damaging winds anticipated to begin tomorrow Widespread severe storms expected, tornado outbreak probable with long-lived, very widespread and particularly intense storms

Criteria for the color codes in this briefing is to the left, please provide any feedback to

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